

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the specification of the present application to claim priority from, and incorporate by reference, the parent application.

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-42, which were original claims in the parent application, without prejudice. This Preliminary Amendment also adds new claims 43-89, which are similar in many respects to allowed claims in the parent application, or depend from claims that are similar in many respects to allowed claims in the parent application. For the Examiner's convenience, Appendix A to this Preliminary Amendment contains a listing of the allowed claims in the parent application. The newly added claims in the present application are similar to the allowed claims in the parent application as follows:

Present new claim 43 is similar in many respects to allowed parent claim 11;
Present new claims 46-57 are similar in many respects to allowed parent claims 12-23;
Present new claim 58 is similar in many respects to allowed parent claim 43;
Present new claim 59 is similar in many respects to allowed parent claim 24;
Present new claims 62-65 are similar in many respects to allowed parent claims 25-28;
Present new claim 66 is similar in many respects to allowed parent claim 45;
Present new claims 69-76 are similar in many respects to allowed parent claims 46-53;
Present new claim 77 is similar in many respects to allowed parent claim 54;
Present new claims 80-84 are similar in many respects to allowed parent claims 55-59;
Present new claim 85 is similar in many respects to allowed parent claim 61; and
Present new claims 88-89 are similar in many respects to allowed parent claims 62-63.

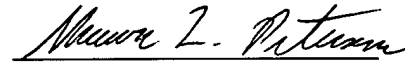
The Applicant asserts that the present new claims are distinguishable over the references of record in the parent case, just as the similar claims of the parent case were found to be distinguishable over such references. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance and courteously solicits an expeditious Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner disagree or have questions regarding this submission, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at 312-775-8000.

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Respectfully submitted,

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